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NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD NOSENKO 444

1. NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD NOSENKO 444 HAS CONSTRUCTED W-CLASS LONG RANGE ATTACK SUBMARINES AND SVERDLOV-CLASS CRUISERS. BETWEEN 1958 AND 1964 THIS SHIPYARD CONSTRUCTED MERCHANT VESSELS, TANKERS, AND FISH FACTORY SHIPS.

2. THE SHIPYARD WAS FIRST SEEN ON [REDACTED] AND HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN COVERED BY 16 KH MISSIONS THROUGH [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] REVEALED A LARGE HULL ON THE BUILDING WAY. DETAILS SEEN ON [REDACTED] REVEALED THE HULL TO MEASURE 645 FT AND SUGGESTED IT TO BE A COMBATANT. A TRIANGULAR TOWER MAST WAS NOTED ADMID-SHIPS AND A SMALL RECTANGULAR STRUCTURE AT ABOUT THE NORMAL FORWARD GUN POSITION FOR A VESSEL OF THIS SIZE. THE AFT PORTION OF THE VESSEL WAS CLUTTERED WITH PROBABLE TEMPORARY STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED WITH SHIP BUILDING. A SECOND VESSEL OF THE SAME HULL CONFIGURATION AND DIMENSIONS WAS SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE SAME BUILDING WAY ON WHICH THE FIRST 645 FT HULL WAS BUILT.

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4. THIS MISSION REVEALS THE 2 LARGE UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS ARE IN THE SAME POSITION AS ON [REDACTED] WITH ONE OF THE VESSELS IN THE FITTING-OUT BASIN AND THE OTHER ON THE BUILDING WAY. THE STERN OF THE VESSEL IN THE BASIN APPEARS FREE OF OBSTRUCTION. A DEPRESSED OPENING IN THE STERN OF THE VESSEL ON THE WAY RESEMBLES A POSSIBLE HANGAR BAY AND GIVES THE VESSEL THE APPEARANCE OF BEING A POSSIBLE HELICOPTER LANDING SHIP. OTHER VESSELS OBSERVED INCLUDE A PROBABLE UGRA-CLASS AS (SUBMARINE TENDER) AND A PEREKOP/POLTAVA-CLASS MERCHANT HULL ON THE BUILDING WAYS, 2 LAMA-CLASS AEM (MISSILE SUPPORT SHIPS), A POSSIBLE UGRA-CLASS AS (SUBMARINE TENDER), A POSSIBLE DNEPR-CLASS AR (REPAIR SHIP), 2 POSSIBLE MAYAKOVSKIY-CLASS FISH FACTORY SHIPS, AND A PEREKOP/POLTAVA-CLASS MERCHANT SHIP IN THE WATER.

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